(b) State-wise natural gas production in the country is as under:-

State/Regions	Gas production (MMSCMD*)
Offshore	62.3
Andhra Pradesh	4.6
Arunachal Pradesh	0.13
Assam	6.59
Gujarat	10.17
Rajasthan	0.661
Tamil Nadu	2.48
Tripura	1.32

*Million Standard Cubic Metre per day (MMSCMD)

(c) and (d) Gas reserves in Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura are not being fully exploited to their potential. In Arunachal Pradesh, Oil India Limited (OIL) has plans to lay gas pipeline from Kumchai in Arunachal Pradesh to Doomduma in Assam. In Tripura, a 740 MW Power Plant at Palatana, has been planned.

(e) lndia imported about million metric tonne (MMT) of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) during the year 2005-06 at Petronet LNG's Terminal, Dahej. In addition M/s Shell Hazira imported 0.171 MMT of LNG for its LNG terminal at Hazira during 2005-06.

Resignation of ONGC employees

1444. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of the ONGC who are involved in exploration and production activities currently;

(b) the number of employees who have resigned from the ONGC in 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(c) whether the attrition rate has increased in the recent years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore and the steps being taken by Government to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) ONGC has informed that 9959 employees are engaged in Exploration and Production activities (as on 27.11.06).

(b) The number of employees who have resigned from ONGC is given below:

Year	
2004-05	51
2005-06	144
TOTAL:	195

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) ONGC has informed that most of the resigning employees are quoting "Personal Reasons or Domestic problem" as the reasons for resignation. ONGC is taking following steps to retain talent:

i. Recognition of employees through awards/rewards for their performance, Innovation, Professionalism in work and managerial and Technical ability.

ii. Providing opportunity for involvement in decision-making, empowerment and and proper positioning.

iii. Fast tract Career growth opportunities for the talented go-getters.

iv. Development of business leaders through specialized training programmes and management courses in collaboration with reputed well-known institutions in the country and abroad.

v. Counseling, mentoring and nurturing of performing executives, developing new competencies and capabilities.